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RULES and OBSERVATIONS

On the Various

RISING and FALLING

OF THE

MERCURY.

To Foreknow the Weather by the Baroscope.

1. It hath been observed that the motion of the *Mercury* doth not exceed three inches in its Rising or Falling in the Tube.
2. That its least Alterations are to be minded, in Order to the right finding the Weather by it.
3. The Rising of the *Mercury* presages fair Weather, and its Falling foul, as Rain, Snow, High Winds and Storms.
4. In very hot Weather the Falling of the *Mercury* foreshews Thunder.
5. In Winter the Rising presages Frost, and in Frosty Weather if the *Mercury* fall three or four divisions, there will certainly follow a Thaw; but in a continued Frost if the *Mercury* Rises it will certainly Snow.
6. When foul Weather happens soon after the Falling of the *Mercury*, expect but little of it, and Judge the same when if the Weather proves fair, shortly after the *Mercury* has Risen.
7. In foul Weather when the *Mercury* Rises much and high, and so continues for two or three days before the foul Weather is over, then expect a continuance of Fair Weather to follow.
8. In fair Weather when the *Mercury* falls much and low, and there continues for two or three days before the Rain comes, then expect a great deal of wet and high Winds.
9. The unsettled motion of the *Mercury* denotes uncertain and changeable Weather.
10. You are not so strictly to mind the words that are Engraven on the Plate (though for the most part it will agree with them) as the *Mercury's* Rising and Falling; for if it had stood at much Rain and rise up to changeable, 'tis a sign of fair Weather, although not to continue so long as it would have done, as if the *Mercury* were higher and so on the contrary; These Rules serve for the use of most used *Baroscopes*, but there may be other contrivances and Improvements which may require different Rules.

Weather-Glasses exactly made and Sold by *John Patrick*, over-against *Bull-Head-Court* in *Fewen-street*; near *Cripplegate-Church*.